



Student Safety Information

We are absolutely committed to creating the safest environment possible for students, staff, and volunteers at Second Baptist Church. We believe that the more people who know our minor protection policies, the safer we become as a church family. Here's some things you should know about our safe practices:

We are careful about who gets to hang out with you! Every adult who spends time with students is background checked, interviewed, and led through abuse prevention training. If you see someone you don't think is supposed to be around, let someone know.

You should always be in a group of three or more. Our leaders know they aren't supposed to be alone with students, and now you do too! There are some situations that

require one-on-one privacy, like a moment of counseling or confession. Those times should be rare and should always happen in a public place where you can be seen by others.

Texts, chats, messages, and all other digital communication should also be done in groups. If you need to message a student ministry leader, simply add in someone else on the thread. It's that easy!

** This rule doesn't apply to counseling situations. If you ever need to talk to an adult privately about stuff you don't want others to hear, we can do that! There are special counseling guidelines we will follow when meeting alone with kids. You parents can know more about these guidelines by asking a member of our ministry staff for more information.*

Tell an adult if anyone hurts you, threatens you, or makes you feel uncomfortable.

It's really important to us that you always feel safe while participating in our ministries. We want to know if an adult or another student is bothering you in any way. We have zero tolerance for bullying, harassing, hazing, or any other type of abuse at Second Baptist.

Does it feel like you are getting special treatment? Look, we get it. You're awesome. Even so, we try not to show any favoritism to anyone in our ministry. Has an

adult given just you a gift? Does someone seem to concentrate his/her attention on you? If so, you should tell a trusted adult. We actually have policies to prevent students from being singled out or excluded from special attention.

Your voice matters to us and to God. You can tell us if something bad happened. You can tell us if you suspect something bad may happen. You can tell us if you're worried about a friend. When in doubt, use your voice. Really... you can tell us anything. We promise to listen and help the best we can.

This is just a small sample of our safe policies and practices at Second Baptist. If you'd like to know more, you can talk to your leader. Our big goal is to make our ministry spaces as safe as possible. That will take us working together, powered by our great God, who's love is pure and strong.

Shelter & Shield

"You are my shelter and my shield. I put my hope in your word." -Psalm 119:14 CSB

